My dear Dilke,

Winchester Friday Oct 1st

For sundry reasons, which I will explain to you when I come to Town, I have to request you will do me a great favor as I must call it knowing how great a Bore it is. That your imagination may not have time to take too great an alarm I state immediatly that I want you to hire me a couple of rooms* in Westminster. Quietness and cleanness are the essentials: but as I shall with Brown be returned by next Friday you cannot in that space have sufficient time to make any choice selection, and need not be very particular as I can when on the spot suit myself at less cost. Brown bids me remind you not to send the Examiners after the third. Tell Mrs D. I am obliged to her for the late ones which I see are directed in her hand. Excuse this mere business letter for I assure you I have not a syllable at hand on any subject in the world.

Your sincere friend

John Keats.

* a Setting Room and bed room for myself alone.

said that the Character of a Man may be known by his hand writing - if the Character of the age may be known by the average goodness of said hand what a slovenly age we live in. Look at Queen Elizabeth's Latin exercises and blush. Look at Milton's hand. I cant say a word for Shakespeare.

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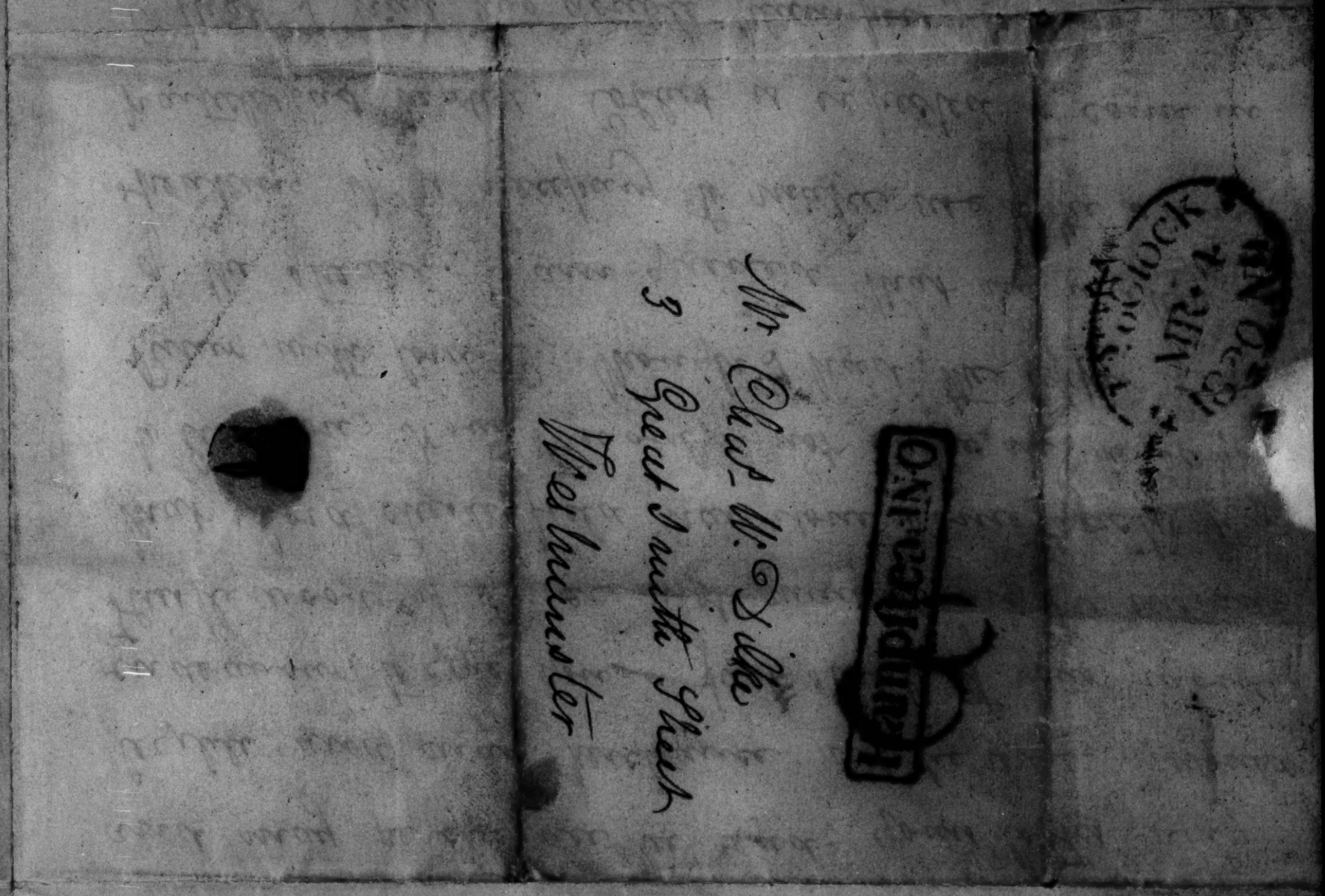

a Critic. You must recollect I have served no apprenticeship to old plays. If the only copies of Mesquek and Latin authors had been made by you, Bailey and Haydon they were as good as lost. Tho If it has been